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TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 31, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 7, 12 and 13 with the following amended claims:

7. (Once Amended) An endoluminal device for deployment within a first lumen comprising a restricted section having an inner surface with an inner

diameter and a bifurcation into branch lumens each/having an inner surface with an inner diameter, the restricted section inner diameter being smaller than a sum of the

branch lumen inner diameters, the device comprising a proximal main tubular

6 portion to be retained within a proximal portion of the first lumen and having a first

7 diameter and two tubular limbs depending from the proximal main tubular portion,

8 each limb having a second diameter and a distal end portion for deployment inside

one of the branch lumens against the branch lumen inner surface, the distal end

portion defining a third diameter larger than the second diameter, wherein the sum

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